

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sisters Community Garden**  
The Sisters Community Garden has raised bed garden plots available for the 2020 gardening season. Application materials and information are available on the garden's website, [SistersCommunityGarden.org](http://SistersCommunityGarden.org). For additional information, call 503-313-3076.

**Furry Friends Foundation**  
Furry Friends office will be closed through March. At this time individuals can still pick up pet food from the Sisters Kiwanis food bank, Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. If you are out of pet food and do not have the means to purchase during this period, call or text 541-797-4023 to arrange for a pick up outside. Pick ups are available outside the Sisters Art Works building at an agreed upon time. (It can't be left outside for very long as other critters may get into it.) Our services are confidential. Our goal is to keep pets in their homes.

**Habitat Thrift Store**  
The Sisters Habitat Thrift Store, ReStore, construction site and administrative offices are temporarily closed to the public. We hope to re-open on Tuesday, March 31 if possible. You can check the Sisters Habitat for Humanity Facebook page for updates. All staff will be reporting to work as usual for the time being and will be available if anyone needs anything. If members of the public need something from the Thrift Store, Restore, or the Admin Office, they can contact Habitat via phone or email. Administrative Office: 541-549-1193. Thrift Store: 541-549-1740. ReStore: 541-549-1621.

**Community Assistance During COVID-19 Pandemic**  
Age Friendly Sisters Country announced that VAST church is eager to help, picking up prescriptions, delivering groceries or food, helping however they can. People in need can call 541-719-0587 and press 1 to be connected to Mikee Stutzman, Ministry Coordinator or email her at [admin@vastchurch.com](mailto:admin@vastchurch.com). VAST Church is willing to help as long as resources and volunteers allow.

**Weekly Food Pantry**  
Westside Sisters Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. For the next several weeks, food will be distributed drive-through style from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the New Hope building, 222 N. Trinity Way. People in need of food may drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of food for their household. Other Sisters-area churches are joining with Westside Sisters to contribute financially to help sustain the program. Call 541-549-4184 for more information.

**Sisters Community Church**  
Do you need help with running errands or deliveries or more? Sisters Community Church has volunteers available and is cultivating a caring community. Call Wendy at 541-389-6859. Visit the church website at [www.sisterschurch.com](http://www.sisterschurch.com).

**Pandemic Partners Sisters Facebook Page**  
A Facebook page has been set up to connect Sisters community members needing help with those willing to volunteer. Go to the link below, then ask to join and the moderators will approve those who qualify: [www.facebook.com/groups/502740160418961/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/502740160418961/).

**Kiwanis Food Bank Change**  
Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank is making an operational change based on the evolving response to COVID-19. Beginning Thursday, March 19, visitors will be encouraged to shop for two weeks instead of one week. The Food Bank will then be closed every other week temporarily. This action is for the protection of volunteers, reducing their exposure by half. The Food Bank opens at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Questions? Email [info@sisterskiwanis.org](mailto:info@sisterskiwanis.org).

**Family Access Network**  
Since FAN is a Sisters School District program and in view of the social distancing requirements, FAN will be closed for the Sisters School District two week spring break, planning to return on April 6. Sisters FAN has been checking in with the most vulnerable clients before the two week spring break. They have food and supplies needed. All clients can call the 211 hotline for information and resources needed.

**Matter of Balance Falls Prevention Class**  
This community workshop will teach practical coping strategies to reduce the fear of falling. This evidence-based class includes some lecture, discussion and exercises to work on at home. Classes will be held at the Sisters Fire Station Community Hall on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm between April 6 and June 1 (no class on Memorial Day). Cost is \$10 for the 8-week session. Please contact Shannon Rackowski at [shanrack@gmail.com](mailto:shanrack@gmail.com) or 541-272-0529 to register.

**Sisters Chorale Cancellation**  
The Sisters High Desert Chorale is cancelling its Spring season set to begin on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. This cancellation includes all Monday night rehearsals and concerts. The Chorale apologizes for any inconvenience and disappointment resulting from this change. Any questions may be directed to Connie Gunterman at 541-588-0362.

**AA Meetings**  
As a result of COVID-19 mandates on meeting size and locations, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Sisters are currently continuing in creative ways. Some meeting times have moved to an online Zoom platform. Others are not meeting at this time. To talk to an alcoholic, find out about Zoom meetings in Sisters, or any other questions about Alcoholics Anonymous you can call one of the numbers below or go online at [coigaa.org](http://coigaa.org). Call Anne Z: 503-516-7650 or Jan: 541-647-8859 or Agnes: 541-588-6778.

**Organ Donor Awareness**  
A new nonprofit is in the planning stages to educate the community on the importance of organ donation. Fundraisers and events will be discussed. If interested in taking part, please call Fifi Bailey at 541-419-2204.

Because event schedules are changing daily with changing guidelines concerning COVID-19, we at *The Nugget Newspaper* recommend that you call to confirm events and meetings before attending.

**Career Funds Available**  
Applications are available for the Sisters Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund to help adult residents of Sisters establish an occupational path. Pick up forms at the Kiwanis House, corner of Oak and Main, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and during regular hours from the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office. For more information, call 541-410-2870.

**Antiques & Jewelry Donations Needed**  
Sisters Kiwanis takes donations of antiques, collectibles and jewelry *throughout the year* for its annual Antiques, Collections & Jewelry Sale, held on Saturday every Memorial Day weekend. Your donation is tax-deductible! New jewelry donation drop-off box at Washington Federal Bank in Sisters. For info please call Pam at 541-719-1049.

**Black Butte Ranch RFPD Meeting Canceled**  
The Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District board meeting scheduled for March 26 has been canceled.

*Sisters Library*  
**COMING EVENTS**

In light of recent developments, all Deschutes Public Library locations will close to the public at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16. The plan is for a tentative reopening date of April 1. Library material due dates will be extended to an appropriate date following re-opening.

While all locations will be closed, Deschutes Public Library offers a wealth of free online resources that the public can access from home or anywhere they happen to be with an internet connection, including eBooks and audio books, streaming movies and television shows, digital magazines and music, information databases, and more. The library is increasing its collection of digital materials, such as eBooks and digital audiobooks, during this time. Visit [www.deschuteslibrary.org/books/downloads](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/books/downloads) for more information about digital resources, and [www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/news/news?NewsID=8273](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/news/news?NewsID=8273) to explore more of what's available online.

During the closure, library staff will work to provide online tutorials to help customers learn how to access the digital resources available to them, and will livestream via Facebook select programs that were originally planned to take place in the libraries ([www.facebook.com/deschuteslibrary](http://www.facebook.com/deschuteslibrary)). Story time videos for young children will also be available beginning March 18 on the library's kids' page ([www.deschuteslibrary.org/kids](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/kids)). If the public has questions, they can phone their local library between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number for Sisters Library is 541-312-1070.

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
Humane Society of Central Oregon  
541-382-3537



Meet **EROS**, a wonderful two-year-old Lab mix who is looking for his forever home! This dapper dog can be a little nervous around new people, but becomes a friendly snuggle-bug when he knows you! Eros is looking for a family that can provide him with daily exercise to keep him happy and healthy! If you are looking for a friendly young lab to add to your family then Eros is the pup for you! Come meet Eros today!

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**SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES**

<p><b>Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)</b> 386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831 10 a.m. Sunday Worship <a href="http://shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com">shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com</a></p> <p><b>Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)</b> 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201 10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing) <a href="http://sisterschurch.com">sisterschurch.com</a>   <a href="mailto:info@sisterschurch.com">info@sisterschurch.com</a></p> <p><b>St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church</b> 123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 9 a.m. Sunday Mass 8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass</p> <p><b>Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention)</b> 484 W. Washington St., Ste. C &amp; D • 541-588-6288 10 a.m. Sunday Worship   <a href="http://ccsisters.org">ccsisters.org</a></p> <p><b>The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration</b> 68825 Brooks Camp Road • 541-549-7087 8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)</p>	<p><b>Chapel in the Pines</b> Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971 10 a.m. Sunday Worship</p> <p><b>Sisters Church of the Nazarene</b> 67130 Harrington Loop Road • 541-389-8960   <a href="http://sistersnaz.org">sistersnaz.org</a> 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship   <a href="mailto:2sistersnaz@gmail.com">2sistersnaz@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Westside Sisters</b> 442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184   <a href="http://westsidesisters.org">westsidesisters.org</a> 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 6 p.m. Worship the 3rd Tuesday of each month</p> <p><b>Vast Church (Nondenominational)</b> 541-719-0587 • 9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship <i>Temporarily meeting virtually.</i> See <a href="http://vastchurch.com">vastchurch.com</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 386 N. Fir Street • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303 11 a.m. Saturday Worship</p> <p><b>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> 452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670; 10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting</p> <p><b>Baha'i Faith Meetings</b> Devotional Gatherings, Study Classes and Discussion Groups. Call for location and times • 541-549-6586</p>
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